

Activity: Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America

Program Components	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 CR	FY 2008			Change From FY 2007 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America (\$000)	4,926	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America (\$000)*	4,926	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impact of the CR		[-7,000]		[+7,000]		

*A portion of the Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures program appropriation for FY 2006 and FY 2007 could be applied toward the Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America program. These amounts are included here and are not shown under the Save America's Treasures Activity.

Summary of FY 2008 Program Changes for Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America

Request Component	(\$000)	FTE	Page #
• Impact of the CR	[+7,000]	0	HPF-18
TOTAL, Program Changes	0	0	

Impact of FY 2007 Continuing Resolution (+\$7,000,000)

The FY 2008 budget restores the priorities of the FY 2007 President's budget by funding FY 2007 programmed fixed cost increases, eliminating unrequested FY 2006 congressional earmarks, and implementing the program enhancement and program reduction initiatives included in the FY 2007 President's budget.

Mission Overview

The Preserve America program supports the National Park Service goal to provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. This goal contributes to the Departmental goal to protect the Nation's natural, cultural, and heritage resources.

Justification of FY 2008 Program Changes

The FY 2008 budget request for the Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America program is \$10,000,000, with no program changes requested from the FY 2007 President's Budget.

Program Overview

In FY 2006, Congress appropriated a total of \$4.9 million for the Preserve America grant program to promote historic preservation through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning. An additional \$5 million is expected to be appropriated in FY 2007. More than 70 grants were awarded in FY 2006 and an expected 140 additional grants will be awarded in FY 2007. Preserve America grants offer Federal support to communities that have demonstrated a commitment to recognizing, designating, and protecting local cultural resources. The grants assist local economies in finding self-sustaining ways to promote their cultural resources through heritage tourism. Heritage assets, including historic resources and associated landscapes and natural features, are viable elements for local economic development. More than half of the States have some form of heritage tourism programs that result in job creation and increasing property values and tax revenue.

The program does not fund "bricks and mortar" restoration projects, which are covered under Save America's Treasures grants. Instead, it complements the Save America's Treasures grants program by offering support to local communities in the form of competitive 50:50 matching grants as one-time "seed

money” to facilitate the development of sustainable resource management strategies and sound business practices for the continued preservation of heritage assets. Such activities include planning and feasibility studies, heritage education curricula, and heritage tourism business cases. American history comes alive in historic buildings, cultural sites, and communities that celebrate their historic settings. Thousands of historic and cultural sites are the pride of local communities everywhere. Many of these communities can use historic sites to promote heritage tourism and economic development. The Preserve America program will provide planning and associated assistance to communities looking for ways to preserve their local heritage in a self-sustaining manner.

Eligibility is limited to State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, designated Preserve America Communities, or Certified Local Governments that have applied for Preserve America Community designation. The National Park Service administers Preserve America grants in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

- ① Find more information online about Preserve America grants, including details of individual awards, at www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/PreserveAmerica.

FY 2008 Program Performance

With FY 2008 base funding the program could competitively award approximately 140 grants. In addition, the NPS would monitor grants awarded in FY 2006 and FY 2007 for compliance with grant conditions, and technical assistance would be provided to grantees and applicants.

The following Preserve America grants, listed by State, were awarded in FY 2006:

Arkansas

Eureka Springs Backstory, City of Eureka Springs	\$ 62,760.00
Developing a Marketing Plan for Historic Central City Properties, Fort Smith	\$ 46,680.00
Rural Heritage Development, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	\$100,000.00

Arizona

Casa Malpais Interpretive Improvements, Town of Springerville	\$ 21,974.00
Planning the Future of Fort Apache, White Mountain Apache Tribe	\$ 77,166.00

California

Toward a Seamless Monterey Experience, City of Monterey	\$100,000.00
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Colorado

Downtown Research and Documentation Project, Steamboat Springs	\$ 24,000.00
Heritage Tourism Pilot Project – Heritage Site Planning, Park County	\$ 58,000.00
Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Project, Fort Collins	\$147,563.00
Southeast Colorado Heritage Tourism Program, State Historical Society of Colorado	\$130,000.00
Steamboat Springs Cultural Heritage Interpretation, City of Steamboat Springs	\$ 35,000.00
Wayfinding and Marker Project, Georgetown	\$ 33,000.00

Connecticut

Historic Wethersfield Master Plan, Town of Wethersfield	\$ 50,000.00
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Georgia

Campaign to Preserve Georgia Historic Cemeteries, GA Dept. of Natural Resources	\$ 86,000.00
Exhibits and Kiosks at the Museum on Main, LaGrange	\$123,000.00
Roswell Historic District Heritage Tourism Plan, City of Roswell	\$100,000.00
Wayfinding Plan for Augusta, Georgia, Augusta Convention & Visitors Bur.	\$ 50,000.00

Illinois

Hosting Heritage Tourism in Rock Island, City of Rock Island	\$ 43,342.00
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Indiana

Preservation Services for Irvington in Indianapolis, Indianapolis	\$ 42,100.00
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Iowa

Dubuque on the Mississippi: The Dubuque History Trail, Dubuque	\$148,500.00
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Kansas

Promotion of 18 Kansas Historic Sites, Kansas State Historical Society	\$100,000.00
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Kentucky

A Comprehensive Preservation Plan for Gratz Park, Lexington	\$ 55,925.00
Hidden River Cave Trail, Horse Cave Main Street	\$ 21,000.00
Linking our Heritage to Our Future, Portland Museum, Inc., Louisville	\$150,000.00
Rural Heritage Development Initiative Survey, Kentucky Heritage Council	\$ 60,000.00

Louisiana	
Louisiana Rebirth: Restoring the Soul of America, Louisiana SHPO	\$150,000.00
Marketing Historic Bastrop, Bastrop	\$ 27,403.00
Wayfinding, Interpretation & Identity: Natchitoches, City of Natchitoches	\$150,000.00
Massachusetts	
Maximizing the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Visitor Experience, City of Gloucester	\$140,000.00
Maryland	
Expansion and Enhancement of Annapolis' Heritage Resources, Annapolis	\$ 80,000.00
Michigan	
Heritage Tourism Roadmap for SHPO's and a Michigan Model, Michigan SHPO	\$ 80,000.00
Minnesota	
St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Community Education and Marketing Plan	\$ 19,489.00
Mississippi	
Rebuilding Mississippi's Heritage Tourism Industry Post Katrina, MS Dept. of Archives & History	\$150,000.00
City of Biloxi Heritage Tourism Marketing Program, City of Biloxi	\$ 50,000.00
Missouri	
The Historic Weston Experience, Weston	\$ 54,055.00
Montana	
Montana Rural Heritage Experience, Montana State Historic Preservation Office	\$150,000.00
New Hampshire	
New Interpretive Tours for 5 Major Historic Sites, NH Div. of Historical Resources	\$ 28,161.00
New Mexico	
Joint Colorado-New Mexico Heritage Tourism Workshop, NM Historic Pres. Division	\$ 24,000.00
Waterworks Historic Architecture and Heritage Tourism Project, Silver City	\$ 20,125.00
New York	
Interpretation Plan for Fort Hill Park, Peekskill	\$ 32,175.00
Rochester's Olmsted Parks Interpretive Signage, City of Rochester	\$ 70,000.00
Rail Ride into Yesteryear, Town of Roxbury	\$ 40,575.00
Ohio	
Heritage Connectivity and Implementation Strategy, Wright-Dunbar Business Village	\$ 70,000.00
Pennsylvania	
Pennsylvania Rural History Project, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission	\$ 75,000.00
Rhode Island	
Blackstone Valley 'Footsteps in History,' RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission	\$120,000.00
South Dakota	
A Comprehensive Heritage Tourism Plan for Brookings, City of Brookings	\$ 54,000.00
Tennessee	
Heritage Tourism Wayfinding Project, City of Franklin	\$ 20,000.00
Jonesborough: An American Front Porch, Town of Jonesborough	\$ 97,000.00
Texas	
Documenting Community Histories, Hearne	\$ 35,636.00
El Camino Real Heritage Tourism Plan, El Paso	\$ 50,350.00
Farm-to-Market Museum & Heritage Center, City of Pharr	\$145,000.00
Heritage Tourism Plan for City of Castroville's Biry House Complex, City of Castroville	\$ 29,400.00
Historic District Wayfinding Program, McKinney	\$ 43,949.00
Texas Heritage Trails Program, TX Historical Commission	\$147,000.00
Cultural & Heritage Tourism Initiative, City of Abilene	\$111,832.00
Utah	
Historic Preservation Plan of the Wendover Airfield, Tooele County	\$ 75,393.00
Heritage Highway 89 Interpretive/Marketing Sites, Mt. Pleasant City	\$ 95,993.00
Virginia	
The African-American Contribution to Spotsylvania County's Heritage	\$ 23,000.00
Heritage Tourism in the Shenandoah Valley, Harrisonburg	\$150,000.00
Initial Interpretive Activity for Prince William County Historic Sites, Prince William County	\$ 57,566.00
Vermont	
Estey Organ Factory Heritage Tourism Master Plan, Town of Brattleboro	\$ 32,500.00
Destination Historic Poultney, Town of Poultney	\$ 25,000.00
Barre City Downtown Marketing Program, City of Barre	\$ 22,410.00
Web-based Guide to Cultural and Historic Resources, Burlington	\$ 94,120.00
Washington	
Vancouver National Historic Reserve Education Master Plan K-12 Curriculum, City of Vancouver	\$ 40,149.00

Experience Historic Spokane Marketing Campaign, City of Spokane, WA	\$ 20,400.00
Stepping Back in History – A Self-guided Tour of Officers Row, Vancouver, WA	\$ 21,820.00
West Virginia	
Beverly's Heyday Interpretation Project, Beverly, WV	\$ 95,000.00

Performance Overview

See Performance Overview table at end of Historic Preservation Programs: Grants-in-Aid to States and Territories section.